

REMARKS

This communication is responsive to the Office Action mailed October 17, 2007. All the claims are rejected over Buchsbaum, either alone or in combination.

Applicant submits herewith a Rule 131 Declaration of Akio Sakamoto. This declaration removes the Buchsbaum reference as prior art.

Applicant believes that all pending claims are allowable and respectfully requests a Notice of Allowance for this application from the Examiner. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the undersigned can be reached at the telephone number set out below.

Respectfully submitted,
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